

VZCZCXRO5556
PP RUEHROV RUEHTRO
DE RUEHRB #0946 3361654
ZNR UUUUU ZZH
P 021654Z DEC 09
FM AMEMBASSY RABAT
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 0871
INFO RUEHXX/ARAB ISRAELI COLLECTIVE PRIORITY
RUCNMGH/MAGHREB COLLECTIVE PRIORITY

UNCLAS RABAT 000946

SENSITIVE
SIPDIS

STATE FOR NEA/MAG AND NEA/IPA

E.O. 12958: N/A
TAGS: [PREL](#) [PGPV](#) [PNAT](#) [KPAL](#) [KWBG](#) [MO](#) [IS](#) [XF](#)
SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED: ISRAEL'S SETTLEMENT MORATORIUM

REF: STATE 122214

SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED. PLEASE PROTECT ACCORDINGLY.

(SBU) Polcouns delivered subject demarche to Director General for Arab and Islamic Relations Mohammed Azeroual on Dec. 1. Azeroual stated that the settlement moratorium in the West Bank was "a step forward, but incomplete." He noted specifically excluding Jerusalem from the settlement moratorium was unacceptable for Palestinian President Abbas, and for much of the Arab world. He confirmed the need for all parties to seize the opportunity of President Obama's engagement on the peace process and expressed Morocco's willingness to continue talking to all sides. He also suggested that if the Israelis were to enforce a full, across-the-board moratorium applicable to all areas, they would see a positive response from Arab countries that have been less willing than Morocco to engage the Israeli side.

Visit Embassy Rabat's Classified Website;
<http://www.intelink.sgov.gov/wiki/Portal:Moro> cco

JACKSON